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S. RES. 359

Designating October 16, 2000, to October 20, 2000, as “National Teach For America Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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“National Teach For America Week”.

Whereas while the United States will need to hire over 2,000,000 new teachers over the next decade, Teach For America has proven itself an effective alternative means of recruiting gifted college graduates into the field of education;

Whereas in its decade of existence, Teach For America’s 6,000 corps members have aided 1,000,000 low-income students at urban and rural sites across the United States;

Whereas Teach For America’s popularity continues to skyrocket, with a record-breaking number of men and women applying to become corps members for the 2000–2001 school year;

Whereas over half of all Teach For America alumni continue to work within the field of education after their two years of service are complete;

Whereas Teach For America corps members leave their service committed to life-long advocacy for low-income, underserved children;

Whereas over 100,000 schoolchildren are being taught by Teach For America corps members in 2000; and

Whereas October 16th through 20th will be Teach For America's fourth annual "Teach For America" week, during which government members, artists, historians, athletes, and other prominent community leaders will visit underserved classrooms served by Teach For America corps members: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the Teach For America program,
3 and its past and present participants, for its contribution to our Nation's public school system;

5 (2) designates the week beginning on October
6 16, 2000, and ending on October 20, 2000, as "National Teach For America Week"; and

8 (3) encourages Senators and all community
9 leaders to participate in classroom visits to take
10 place during the week.

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